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Dear Bernie:

Thank you for your note of the 3rd. We are still planning to adhere to our previous schedule but it probably would still be prudent to hold on to your reservation a few days longer. Should there be a change in plan I will see to it that Seymour gets in touch with you promptly.

I do have one favor to ask of you, which I am sure you will anticipate. We have had to experience quite enough fuss already here at Madison during the last week and I would be very grateful if our visit to you could proceed just as if there had been no Nobel award at all. I would be especially annoyed if the press had any pretext of taking a special interest in the Mueller lecture.

No, I think I'll stick to my previous title as working the material up gives me a chance to collect some ideas that are still rattling around on the problem of antibody formation. I well recognize that this carrying coals to Newcastle and therewith best regards to Al Coons.

So my main hope is that my visit will not be, contrary to your last line, a special occasion but an ordinary one which I am sorry I have not had an opportunity to repeat more often.

As ever,

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